



FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Recommendations of the Finance Committee for the Articles prepared for the Warrant of the Special Town Meeting scheduled for Monday, February 12, 2018:

Article 1

Finance Committee unanimously recommends passage of Article 1 as written.

This article allows the Town to receive revenue from the sale of marijuana products.

Article 2

Finance Committee unanimously recommends passage of Article 2 as written.

This article adds definitions and regulations to the Zoning Bylaw to cover recreational marijuana businesses. This article and Article 3 are required in order to have zoning for recreational marijuana in place by April 1, 2018.

Article 3

Finance Committee unanimously recommends passage of Article 3 as written.

This article amends the Zoning Bylaw use table to allow recreational marijuana businesses by Special Permit in the Industrial and Office and Light Industry zoning districts. This article and Article 2 are required in order to have zoning for recreational marijuana in place by April 1, 2018.

Article 4

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 4 as written with a 5-4 vote.

This article further amends the Zoning Bylaw use table to allow recreational marijuana retail by Special Permit in the Community Business zoning district.

Article 5

Finance Committee opposes passage of Article 5 as written with an 8-1 vote.

This article further amends the Zoning Bylaw use table to allow recreational marijuana retail by Special Permit in the Neighborhood Business zoning district. The Planning Board does not recommend passage of this article because further consideration needs to be given to the unique characteristics of the Neighborhood Business zoning district.

Article 6

Finance Committee opposes passage of Article 6 as written with an 8-1 vote.

This article further amends the Zoning Bylaw use table to allow recreational marijuana retail by Special Permit in the Village Mixed Use zoning district. The Planning Board does not recommend passage of this article because further consideration needs to be given to the unique characteristics of the Village Mixed Use zoning district.

Article 7

Finance Committee recommends passage of Article 7 as written with a 5-4 vote.

This article adds a section to the General Bylaws to limit the number of recreational marijuana retail establishments, based on the number of liquor licenses in the Town. The limit would currently be two.